

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated October 7, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration.

Correspondence address

Applicants request that the correspondence address for this application be changed pursuant to a previously filed request and a Power of Attorney To Prosecute Applications Before the USPTO, filed herewith, to the address associated with:

Customer Number 30623

35 U.S.C. § 102 rejections

Claims 1-11, 13-14, and 17-42 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,400,246 (Wilson).

Wilson does not teach, disclose, suggest, or make obvious a system including a data management system configured to receive sensor data and logic associated with a sensor from a sensor, the logic being used to manage the sensor data as recited in claim 1. The Examiner cited FIG. 3 and Col. 17, ll. 15-37 of Wilson as reciting an “alert handling system for accessing an alert profile with error objects associated with a sequence of actions, and configured to interpret the profile to apply program logic to selectively access an alert action definition.” (Office action dated October 7, 2005, p. 2). The portions of Wilson cited by the Examiner, however, do not discuss a system configured to receive logic associated with a sensor in order to provide an error object in accordance with the logic. Rather, the cited portions of Wilson discuss a Master Control program that enables “one” (i.e., a person) “to create, edit, and delete records, and to make decisions based on the content of particular records.” Col. 21, ll. 13-15. A user specifies the name of a connected sensor, sets its default states, and sets specific properties. Wilson, Col. 11, ll. 43-48. Furthermore, the Master Control program “allows the average user to build complex adaptive control system configurations...” Col. 5, ll. 44-49 (emphasis added). Independent claim 1, however, recites a monitoring system (i.e., not a

person) that can provide an error object in accordance with logic provided by a sensor. For at least these reasons, claim 1 is patentable over Wilson.

For at least the reasons stated above with respect to independent claim 1, dependent claims 2-11 and 13, which depend directly and indirectly from independent claim 1, are patentable over Wilson.

Wilson does not teach, disclose, suggest, or make obvious a monitoring appliance including computer implemented instructions operable by the processor to implement a data management system configured to receive sensor data and logic associated with a sensor from a sensor, the logic being used to manage the sensor data, as recited in claim 14. The Examiner cited FIG. 3 and Col. 17, ll. 15-37 of Wilson as reciting an “alert handling system for accessing an alert profile with error objects associated with a sequence of actions, and configured to interpret the profile to apply program logic to selectively access an alert action definition.” (Office action dated October 7, 2005, p. 2). The portions of Wilson cited by the Examiner, however, do not discuss a system configured to receive logic associated with a sensor in order to provide an error object in accordance with the logic. Rather, the cited portions of Wilson discuss a Master Control program that enables “one” (i.e., a person) “to create, edit, and delete records, and to make decisions based on the content of particular records.” Col. 21, ll. 13-15. A user specifies the name of a connected sensor, sets its default states, and sets specific properties. Wilson, Col. 11, ll. 43-48. Furthermore, the Master Control program “allows the average user to build complex adaptive control system configurations...” Col. 5, ll. 44-49 (emphasis added). Independent claim 14, however, recites a processor (i.e., not a person) that can provide an error object in accordance with logic provided by a sensor. For at least these reasons, claim 14 is patentable over Wilson.

For at least the reasons stated above with respect to independent claim 14, dependent claims 17-18, which depend from independent claim 14, are patentable over Wilson.

Wilson does not teach, disclose, suggest, or make obvious an interface including an alert profile interface configured to associate an alert profile sequence with an alert profile, the alert profile being responsive to an error object created in accordance with the condition logic, as recited in claim 19. The Examiner cited FIG. 3 and Col. 17, ll. 15-37

of Wilson as reciting an “alert handling system for accessing an alert profile with error objects associated with a sequence of actions, and configured to interpret the profile to apply program logic to selectively access an alert action definition.” (Office action dated October 7, 2005, p. 2). The portions of Wilson cited by the Examiner, however, do not discuss a system configured to receive logic associated with a sensor in order to provide an error object created in accordance with the logic. Rather, the cited portions of Wilson discuss a Master Control program that enables “one” (i.e., a person) “to create, edit, and delete records, and to make decisions based on the content of particular records.” Col. 21, ll. 13-15. A user specifies the name of a connected sensor, sets its default states, and sets specific properties. Wilson, Col. 11, ll. 43-48. Furthermore, the Master Control program “allows the average user to build complex adaptive control system configurations...” Col. 5, ll. 44-49 (emphasis added). Independent claim 19, however, recites an alert profile interface (i.e., not a person) configured to associate an alert profile sequence with an alert profile, the alert profile responsive to an error object created in accordance with the condition logic. For at least these reasons, claim 19 is patentable over Wilson.

For at least the reasons stated above with respect to independent claim 19, dependent claims 20-23, which depend directly and indirectly from independent claim 19, are patentable over Wilson.

Wilson does not teach, disclose, suggest, or make obvious a method of alert processing including receiving logic associated with a sensor and using the logic to generate an error object in response to a change in sensor data in accordance with the logic, as recited in claim 24. The Examiner cited FIG. 3 and Col. 17, ll. 15-37 of Wilson as reciting an “alert handling system for accessing an alert profile with error objects associated with a sequence of actions, and configured to interpret the profile to apply program logic to selectively access an alert action definition.” (Office action dated October 7, 2005, p. 2). The portions of Wilson cited by the Examiner, however, do not discuss a method including receiving logic associated with a sensor and generating an error object in response to a change in sensor data in accordance with the logic. Rather, the cited portions of Wilson discuss a Master Control program that enables “one” (i.e., a person) “to create, edit, and delete records, and to make decisions based on the content of

particular records.” Col. 21, ll. 13-15. A user specifies the name of a connected sensor, sets its default states, and sets specific properties. Wilson, Col. 11, ll. 43-48. Furthermore, the Master Control program “allows the average user to build complex adaptive control system configurations...” Col. 5, ll. 44-49 (emphasis added). Independent claim 24, however, recites a method for generating an error object in response to a change in sensor data in accordance with the logic provided by a sensor. For at least these reasons, claim 24 is patentable over Wilson.

For at least the reasons stated above with respect to independent claim 24, dependent claims 25-42, which depend directly and indirectly from independent claim 24, are patentable over Wilson.

35 U.S.C. § 103 rejections

Claims 12 and 15-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wilson in view of the Official Notice taken by the Examiner.

Claim 12, which depends from independent claim 1, stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wilson in view of the Official Notice taken by the Examiner. The Examiner does not assert that the Official notice makes up for the deficiencies noted above with respect to independent claims 1 from which dependent claim 12 depends. Thus, dependent claim 12 is patentable for at least the same reasons discussed above with respect to independent claim 1.

Claims 15-16, which depend from independent claim 14, stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wilson in view of the Official Notice taken by the Examiner. The Examiner does not assert that the Official notice makes up for the deficiencies noted above with respect to independent claim 14 from which dependent claims 15-16 depend. Thus, dependent claims 15-16 are patentable for at least the same reasons discussed above with respect to independent claim 14.

Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner’s Official Notice that “a web-based interface, a network interface, and an alert profile initiating a communication via a network interface” is well known in the art. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner produce authority for this statement in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 2144.03(C).

Claims 43-48

Claims 43-48 have been added. Applicants assert that no new matter has been introduced by claims 43-48. Applicants assert that claims 43-48 are patentable, and notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

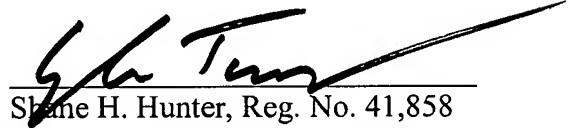
CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, this application is believed to be in allowable condition, and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If a telephone conversation with Applicant's representative would help expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (617) 542-6000.

Applicants believe no petition under 1.136(a) is required to be submitted herewith. Form PTOL-326 sent to the Applicants on October 7, 2005 did not set a shortened statutory period for reply. According to form PTOL-326, "if no period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of [the] communication."

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 50-0311, Reference No. 18133-298.

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